

5175. Misbranding of "Perkins' National Herbs Blood Purifier Kidney and Liver Regulator." U. S. * * * v. National Herb Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$75. (F. & D. No. 7528. I. S. No. 22369-h.)

On September 18, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against the National Herb Co., a corporation, doing business at Washington, D. C., alleging sale by said company, on May 26, 1914, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, of a quantity of an article labeled in part: "Perkins' National Herbs Blood Purifier Kidney and Liver Regulator * * *," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Ash (per cent)-----	16.5
Calcium carbonate (per cent)-----	11.0
Total sugars (per cent)-----	39.9
Emodin bearing cathartic drug: Present.	
Rhubarb: Strongly indicated.	
Strychnine: Present.	
Licorice: Indicated.	
Umbelliferon: Indicated.	

Coating of pill consists of calcium carbonate, iron oxid, and sugar.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded in that certain statements on its label and included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as a blood purifier, a guaranteed remedy for all diseases arising from impure blood, stomach, liver, and kidneys; as a remedy for female complaints, rheumatism, kidney disorder, liver complaint, dyspepsia, stomach troubles, and skin diseases; and as a treatment for rheumatism, kidney disorder, liver complaint, neuralgia, dyspepsia, fever and ague, scrofula, female complaints, nervous affections, erysipelas, eczema, catarrh, and all diseases arising from impure blood, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On September 18, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$75.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*